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FOR: TANTALUM CARBIDE, METHOD :

FOR PRODUCING TANTALUM CARBIDE, TANTALUM CARBIDE WIRING AND TANTALUM CARBIDE

ELECTRODE

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 16, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.